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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I have my phone for emergencies and occasional convenience calls. I use it no more than 10 minutes a month on average. Instead of a 'calling plan' which would be unnecessarily expensive, I have a prepaid card. The price per minute is higher, but the price per month as I use it is less than a third of the cost. Your proposal would increase my costs 10%. I do not believe that this is reasonable. In addition, my phone service company says that the \$1.00 price they would pass on to me is nearly ten times the current charge. In no way is that a reasonable increase.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Bruce Alvarez
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members